

# THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

## STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Wednesday, February 23, 2022

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#### 1. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF CANADA**

Committee members were informed that the meeting of the Student Advisory Committee is taking place on Treaty One Land and the traditional homeland of the Red River Metis.

#### 2. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR**

The alternate student representative from College Churchill High School volunteered to Chair the meeting.

#### 3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Committee members approved the agenda of February 23, 2022, as distributed.

#### 4. **2022/2023 DRAFT BUDGET**

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO was in attendance and provided an overview of the Draft Budget for the 2022/2023 school year.

Committee members were informed that last year the Board of Trustees approved the 2021/2022 Budget in the amount of \$421,039,400. Committee members were informed that the Division was forced to make reductions of \$4,457,395 for programs and services due to a drop in provincial funding of 1.6 percent or \$2,926,520. This also included the direction from the provincial government to freeze the at property tax levies at 2020 levels.

Committee members were informed the Board of Trustees is proposing a budget of \$437,118,200. The baseline funding has decreased by 1.3 percent, or \$2,325,538, while one-time funding of \$13,217,517 has been provided for next year and property tax levies for education will remain frozen at 2020 levels. Committee members were informed that one-time funding for 2022/2023 is intended to cover collective agreement settlements and additional costs related to pandemic staffing. Committee members were informed that the draft budget proposes no additions for 2022/2023 and no further reductions.

Committee members were informed that a large portion of the budget is determined by student enrolment numbers each year. The Province acknowledged that the lower student enrolment was related to the pandemic and implemented a hybrid enrolment calculation that was higher than then actual student enrolment numbers. Committee members were informed that even with the hybrid calculation funding for the division resulted in a 3.14 percent or approximately \$13,700,000 deficit. However, the one-time funding of approximately \$13,000,000 provided by the province, and the elimination of the Full-Day Kindergarten program, provided sufficient funding to offset deficit.

Committee members were informed that although the hybrid enrolment calculation and the one-time funding from the province has assisted in balancing the budget for this year, future budgets are still at risk without additional funding for education.

In response to an enquiry regarding contract ratification, Committee members were informed that negotiations are ongoing. Committee members were also informed that with the passing of Bill 28, all educators in Manitoba will be unified under one bargaining unit which should expedite future negotiations.

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Committee members were encouraged to share their input on the 2022/2023 Draft Budget by email, in writing, or by registering to appear virtually as a delegation to the Board of Trustees at the February 28, 2022, Special Meeting.

**5. COVID UPDATE**

Committee members were informed that as of February 15, 2022, Manitoba schools transitioned to level caution (yellow) on the province's pandemic response system. Indoor masks, social distancing of two meters and cohorts are still in effect, however masks will not be required for students during physical education classes.

The Province has announced that all Covid-19 restrictions will be lifted by March 15, 2022, however, it is unclear if the lifting of restrictions will apply to schools as well. Committee members were informed that WSD will continue to monitor Covid-19 announcements and will provide as much notice as possible to school communities of any changes.

In response to an enquiry regarding funding provided to schools for Covid-19 supplies, Committee members were informed that WSD provides Covid-19 expenditures to the province for reimbursement.

In response to an enquiry, Committee members were informed that each school has developed distancing plans to provide as much distance as possible based on the unique needs and layout of the school. The use of lockers in schools is dependent on the ability of the school to provide adequate distance and regular cleaning of those areas. School activities such as pep-rallies are still restricted as assemblies in schools are capped at 75 people, however, as the weather improves there may be more options for outdoor assemblies and activities.

A student representative requested that the absentee rate during the afternoon of the student organized walk out for safety be provided at the next meeting. The Committee was encouraged to email [board@wsd1.org](mailto:board@wsd1.org) with any questions or topics they would like to discuss at the next meeting.

**6. ENQUIRES AND ANNOUCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS**

SCHOOL REPORTS

Student representatives from the following schools provided a written report on school activities (attached):

- Children of the Earth High School

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In Attendance:

**Voting Representatives**

Argyle Alternative High School  
College Churchill High School  
Elmwood High School  
Gordon Bell High School  
Grant Park School  
Tec Voc High School

**Administration**

Robert Riel, Director  
Paul Kochan, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO  
Jonathan Fast, Vice-Principal (acting) Gordon Bell High School  
Tarin Howard, Recording Secretary

**Regrets**

Children of the Earth High School  
Daniel McIntyre Collegiate  
Kelvin High School  
R.B. Russell High School  
Sisler High School  
St. John's High School  
W.A.E.C.

**Trustees**

Linda Schatkowsky  
Chris Broughton (Regrets)



# Children of the Earth High School

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## School Report for February 2021-2022

### *Some of the events we have had this school year include the following:*

- Fall feast at Bird's Hill Park
- Meet the Staff BBQ and Family Nutrition Bingo
- Medical Careers Exploration Program students started practicum
- Indigenous Youth Leadership Program began
- Truth and Reconciliation Orange Shirt Day Assembly acknowledging residential school survivors included a pipe ceremony, hearing from residential school survivor and having a student perform a jingle dress dance
- Thanksgiving Lunch
- Pow Wow Dancing workshop in Phys Ed
- Fishing Club
- Beading Club on Wednesdays at lunch
- Winnipeg School Division 150 Birthday Celebration
- Halloween celebrations
- Winter Feast
- Tell Them from Me survey
- On-Line Learning in January
- Female Running Club Clinic MASRC
- Identification Clinic

### *Many of our regular full-year programs also began, including:*

- Medical Careers Exploration Program
- Indigenous Youth Leadership Program
- CEDA staff here at lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays
- University of Manitoba Rec & Read Program
- Caring Club for parents, soon-to-be parents, and caregivers of infants & Parent Council
- Programming through Fort Whyte Farms
- Programming through our partners at CEDA Pathways
- Student Council
- Music Program with music instructors
- Mindful Mondays



**We have continued to offer cultural programming within the school and community throughout the fall months. Our regular activities include:**

- Daily smudging for student and staff members in the mornings, as well as when requested throughout the day
- Weekly pipe ceremonies for interested students and staff
- Monthly full moon ceremonies for those interested
- Weekly drumming and singing programming for students, staff, families, and community members



**Upcoming Events:**

- Children of the Earth Pow Wow Troop
- Picture retakes
- Report cards
- Food Handler's Training
- Indigenous Veteran's Day and
- Remembrance Day Pipe Ceremony
- Vaccination Clinics



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MINO DIBISHKAA**



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